



SENATOR FARTHING SEEKS EXPANSION OF STATE MILITIA

Summer Encampment of State Guard, Equipment of All The Guardsmen And Increase In Number of Units Asked in Bill By Boone Senator; Other Bills

Included in the measures introduced in the general assembly last Friday were three by Senator Grady Farthing of Boone, and Representative Caviness of Guilford to finance a summer encampment for the state guard, to provide equipment for all guardsmen and to increase the number of units of the guard from 42 to 51.

In accordance with a request of Adjutant General Van B. Metts, the measures would allocate \$5,800 for the nine additional units, \$118,901.95 for equipment and \$103,349.12 for the encampment, and provide for the transportation of guardsmen by school buses to places of encampment.

Senator Farthing is chairman of the Senate committee on Military Affairs, which will consider these administration-supported measures.

Other Legislative News.

Wine and beer measures held the spotlight of public interest in the Legislature during the past week, and 130 new bills were introduced in the House and Senate.

After a number of local bills authorizing various boards of county commissioners to regulate the sale of beer and wine on Sunday and to impose a curfew during the week had been introduced, Representatives Poole and Gass came in with a state wide beer and wine bill, which would prohibit sales of beer and wine between 11:30 p. m. and 7 a. m. every day, make it unlawful to allow consumption on the premises between midnight and 7 a. m. every day, and authorize any county or town to prohibit sales on Sunday.

A new set-up for dealing with the wine situation would be created by two bills introduced by Representative Caviness. "To encourage the growing of grapes, fruits and berries in North Carolina, to increase wine taxes and to provide ways and means of administering the wine control act of 1943," would place a tax on table wines, not over 14% alcoholic content of 15 cents per gallon, and a tax of 35 cents per gallon on "dessert wines" (14 to 20%), 2 1/2 cents per gallon of the taxes would be appropriated to the use of the "Wine Control Division" for the administration of the act, and another 2 1/2 cents per gallon of the taxes to be set aside for the promotion of grape culture. A "Wine Control Division" in the Department of Revenue would be created, under a director who would have the power to

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Potato Growers To Receive Aid

A big increase in the production of Irish potatoes is needed in 1943. In the past the price of Irish potatoes has been such that farmers in this section could not produce them in large amounts. In order to stabilize these prices so farmers could depend upon a reasonable price for the crop, a "floor" has been put under potatoes for the 1943 crop. The price for No. 1 potatoes will not be under \$1.20 per bushel. Any farmer can grow any amount of potatoes and receive this price.

Farmers who are in position to produce three acres or more may have a potato goal set up for them through their A. A. A. program, and receive in addition to the \$1.20 per bushel, an incentive payment of 50 cents per bushel on the normal yield on that acreage between 90 per cent and 11 per cent of their goal. For example: if the goal is three acres it would be necessary to produce 3.3 acres or 110 per cent of the goal to receive the full payment, which, if the normal yield was 150 bushels per acre would make a payment of 0.6 of an acre or 90 bushels at 50 cents per bushel or \$45. It is suggested that farmers take advantage of this opportunity and a similar proposition may be had on sweet potatoes, soybeans and commercial vegetables; although, at present no price support is available for vegetables.

Farmers in this section are not in position to do so well with soybeans for oil, but more soybeans for seed and feed should be produced. The support price on soybeans for oil will be \$1.60 per bushel. The facilities of the food distribution administration will be available to help make this program possible.

Farmers interested in these crops should see their AAA committeemen in their community, or their county AAA office and make necessary arrangements to get their goals set up.

Convoy Gunner



Typical of the men who man the cargo ships that form the "bridge" that spans the Atlantic for war supplies to Great Britain and Russia is Mangus Jhaz, 54-year-old Norwegian gunner. Recently rescued after spending eight days in an open boat, after his ship was torpedoed, the veteran is back on duty, hoping to get his sights lined on a U-boat.

M'NUTT WARNS WORKERS MUST FIND WAR JOBS

Thousands Affected by New Ruling on Draft Setup; Many To Find New Jobs By Spring Or Face Induction, Even If Children Are Involved.

Washington, February 2. — The government today warned hundreds of thousands of American workers to expect no further draft deferments, regardless of their number of dependents—unless they find more essential jobs.

It told men in 29 occupations that even though they had five or six children, they must find more important jobs by spring or face induction. The "non-essential" occupations affected range from bartenders to gardeners and waiters.

And Uncle Sam informed 36 kinds of businesses—from curtain makers to tobacco vendors—that their physically fit male workers from 18 to 36 will soon be doing more vital work or shouldering arms.

This is "just a beginning," Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt declared. The lists will be expanded later. McNutt indicated that all dependency deferments are to eventually be eliminated.

"By the end of this year 10 out of every 14 of the able bodied men between 18 and 36 will be in the armed services," McNutt said.

McNutt served notice too, that the present 37-year age top on inductions may be increased at any time by executive order.

Selective service boards were instructed to start April 1, reconsidering the status of the newly-designated non-deferables. However any of these workers who have registered with the U. S. employment service in an effort to get more war-important jobs will have until May 1 to find their new places.

3-A Class About Out
In effect, informed quarters said the new order means the disappearance this year of the 3-A draft classification—that of men deferred because of dependents. McNutt's 10 out of 14 statement means, these sources said, that selective service also will have to enter this year the 3-B classification—that for men with dependents engaged in activities essential to the war or essential to support of the war.

Local selective service boards have been working under instructions to call no men with children until they received "further notice." Today's order, McNutt said, is that "further notice."

Victory Book Campaign To End On Saturday

The local Victory Book committee which is in charge of a campaign to collect books for the members of the armed services, states that a truck from Asheville is expected in the city next week to collect the books, and insists that all those having volumes they are willing to donate to this cause, to leave them at the city hall no later than Saturday.

The response to the campaign has been quite satisfactory, the committee reports, and the fine cooperation of the community is appreciated.

FERTILIZER PRIORITY

An order given essential par food and fiber crops first priority on the nation's limited supply of chemical fertilizers has been issued by War Food Administrator Wickard.

MINIMUM OF 53 MEN FROM WATAUGA IN FEB. DRAFT QUOTA

Numbers May Be Increased Later, Pending Further Volunteering Of Registrants; The List of Those Who Will Definitely Go to Induction Center

At least 53 men, whose names are given below, will be sent to an army induction center in the month of February, according to advices from the local selective service board Wednesday morning. Included are a number of volunteers, and the number to be inducted during the month is rather indefinite, since men volunteering in the last few days will be added to the list later.

Following are the names of those definitely scheduled for induction:

- Coy Hartley
- Hosey Alex Wilson
- Kenneth Clyde Watson
- Wilmer Davis Moretz
- Boyd Owen Hodges
- Malen Monroe Miller
- Eddie Don Wellborn
- Stewart Henry Simmons
- Joseph Delbert Triplett
- Charles Wesley Dotson
- Burl Arvil Davis
- James Donald Henson
- Lee Grant Nelson
- Frank Roberts Woods
- James Henry Brown
- Franklin Howard Love
- Boyd Franklin Green
- Don Clay Cook
- Prince Albert Presnell
- Howard Grover Glenn
- Paul Dixon Hagaman
- Roger Dean Norris
- Albert Greene Swift
- Mack Rominger
- George Greer Farthing
- William Franklin Greer
- William Don Johnson
- Roby Ancel Bradshaw
- James Claud Andrews
- Rufus Howard Coffey
- Grady George Moody
- Clint Moretz
- Howard Alonzo Winebarger
- Edward Andrew Hamby
- Andrew Quincy Spears
- Frank Gus Parlier
- Hersel Weaver Scott
- Jack Gibson Ward
- Jake Cooke Eggers
- Clyde Miller
- Max Leighton Miller
- Clinton Dewey Shook
- Calvin Coolidge Greene
- Volunteer Group**
- Cloy Bernard Pennell
- Charlie M. Wilson
- Willie Haskell Younce
- Dillard Lee Triplett
- Henry Lance Lowrance
- Jack Keith Caudill
- Farthing Hayes
- Roy Edward Coffey
- Lewis Earl Combs
- W. S. Ward
- Herbert Franklin Ingle, Jr.
- John Wilson Winkler
- Harry Coolidge Robbins

Wataugans Petition Assembly to Pass Beer Referendum Bill

More than 3,400 Watauga county people have signed petitions to the State Legislature, urging the passage of the Jackson-Farthing act, which provides for the holding of an election on the question of sale of beer and wine in the county, says Mrs. Mollie Adams, president of the United Dry Forces.

A number of petitions are still out, says Mrs. Adams, and the names of these are not included in the figures. It is understood that the Watauga county dry bill will be considered by the house finance committee this (Wednesday) afternoon.

Funeral Services Are Held For J. O. J. Potter

Funeral services for J. O. J. Potter, 79, who died on January 12, were conducted from the home at Tamarack on January 14 by Rev. Martin Miller of Mountain City, Tenn.

Pallbearers were Enoch Potter, Lee Wilson, Frank Main, John Potter and Clayton Main.

The floral offering was carried by Misses Julia South, Mary Potter, Edith Potter and Grace Snider.

Surviving Mr. Potter are the following sons and daughters: J. J. L. Potter, Sam Potter, Mrs. Jim Brown of Tamarack, and Mrs. R. F. Miller of Mabel, N. C.

Interment was in the nearby cemetery with Reins-Sturdivant Funeral home in charge. The community has sustained a great loss in the death of Mr. Potter.

General Montgomery Dictates Tripoli Terms



General Bernard Montgomery, right, is shown as he talked peace terms with the governor and officials of the city of Tripoli and Tripolitania at the Castle Benito gate, after Britain's victorious eighth army had entered the city. The general's stay in Tripoli was brief, for the British pushed on.

Rationing Dates For Canned Goods Are Set By O.P.A. In Order of Tuesday

Washington, Feb. 2.—Public sale of canned fruits and vegetables will stop throughout the nation at midnight February 20th, and will resume on a tightly rationed basis on March 1.

These official dates for starting the drastic innovation in grocery shopping were announced tonight by the office of price administration. The order also applies to all frozen fruits and vegetables, dried fruits (but not dried vegetables), canned soups and canned baby foods.

Canned goods rationing has been on the way for several months because of the quantities needed by

armed forces and lend-lease operations. Many stores have for weeks limited customers to one or two cans of this or that.

The new ration system will be even more complicated than the controversial rationing of gasoline oil and other products.

Canned goods rationing will, in fact, involve a dual currency system. Starting March 1, every time the housewife goes to the store for canned goods, she will have to pay not only the usual money price, but also a value in coupon points.

On page three of the Democrat today is carried a story giving the details of the new system.

REDS CRUSH FOE AT STALINGRAD

German Resistance Crumples As Reds Finish Nazi Army Once Numbering 330,000.

The battle of Stalingrad, one of the greatest of the war, ended dramatically yesterday when the Red Army crushed the last desperate resistance of the Nazis amidst the ruin of the proud Russian bastion of the Volga.

"On February 2, 1943, the historic battle of Stalingrad ended in complete victory for our troops," a special Soviet communique said, signifying the extermination of a German army of 330,000 men.

Thus the guns fell silent at Stalingrad for the first time since Adolf Hitler hurled a siege army against the namesake city of Premier Josef Stalin on August 26, their final thunder sounding a requiem for the biggest military sacrifice in history.

Altogether the Russians captured 24 German generals and more than 2,500 officers during the battle of Stalingrad, while in the last three weeks 91,000 prisoners have been taken, the official summary said.

Mrs. Clara Simpson Signally Honored

Mrs. Clara Simpson of Boone, N. C., was signally honored at the eleventh annual luncheon of the Save the Children Federation at the Hotel McAlpin, New York, last Wednesday when she was awarded a citation. Fourteen citations in all were given out, and in the list were a number of people prominent nationally. Among them were Grace Moore of the Metropolitan Opera; Jan Struther, author of "Mrs. Miniver," Ex-Governor Henry J. Allen of Kansas, and Mrs. Browning Smith of Santa Claus party fame.

The main address of the occasion was given by Pearl Buck, who spoke on "Children and the New World." Others who spoke were Lady Mayer and Dr. John R. Varis, President of the Federation. Dr. Guy Emery Shippler, chairman of the board, presided.

In making the award of the citation to Mrs. Simpson, Dr. Shippler said that along with her professional work as county NYA director, Mrs. Simpson had taken a place of leadership in the work of the Save the Children Federation and had established cooperation between the two agencies, and that as chairman of the first county committee to be organized in Watauga county, she has served as volunteer county representative for more than two years.

\$100 RECEIVED FOR POLIO FUND

Chairman McGuire Thanks College for Proceeds From Sports Event.

Approximately one hundred dollars net profit was received from the basketball game last Saturday evening, which is to be used for the infantile paralysis fund, according to Mr. R. W. McGuire, chairman of the local Perisedit's ball committee.

Mr. McGuire wishes to thank publicly the officials at Appalachian college, particularly Coach R. W. Watkins for their fine cooperation in helping out a worthy cause, and is highly pleased with the amount received from the sports event.

He and other members of the committee feel that when all contributions are received the local polio fund this year will be quite as large as formerly, in spite of the fact that war conditions made the holding of the President's ball here altogether impractical.

Lavietes Says Moderation Pays Dividends Among Workers In Pipe Factory

Mr. David P. Lavietes, an advocate of moderation and temperance, has practiced same among his men in the factory with marked success.

"No longer," says Mr. Lavietes, "do we find empty flasks, that contained hard liquor—no time is lost in getting over a drunken spree of the night before. To ban light wine and beer will make Watauga county a bootlegger's paradise, with its speed up in crime.

"Prohibiting never has succeeded, except to increase consumption of vile home-made liquor and poison."

STAMP BOOKS SHOULD BE FILLED DURING FEBRUARY

The local organization for the sale of war stamps and bonds urges all holders of stamp books to make an especial effort to fill these books during the present month and turn them into bonds.

Continued purchase of the government war securities on the part of everyone is urged, for the war still goes on, and the fighting men must have the materials with which to win. Help them and help yourself at the same time! Buy Bonds and Stamps to the limit of your ability!

More than half of all lease-lend supplies exported in 1942 were military items.

BOY SCOUT WEEK TO BE OBSERVED BY LOCAL TROOP

Local Participation in National Observance To Start With Church Day on Sunday; Week Ends With Scouts Taking Over City Government For Day.

Members of Boy Scout Troop No. 41 will join in observing National Boy Scout week, beginning next Sunday, according to B. W. Stallings, Scoutmaster, who gives out the following program of activities for the week:

Sunday—Church Day. Scouts will meet at Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7 o'clock in full uniform. Rev. Mr. Currie will deliver the message. All parents of Scouts are asked to attend.

Monday—Banquet, Gateway Cafe at 7:30. Plate cover will be 36 cents for adults and 75 cent hangers for Scouts.

Tuesday—Theatre meet. Through the courtesy of Appalachian Theatre and Mr. Norman, all Scouts will go to see the picture, "Wake Island." Meet in front of theatre at 7 o'clock. Admission, registration card.

Wednesday—fun day. All Scouts who have their dues paid will get to go over to Mountain City for a basketball game. Transportation will be 25 cents each. Meet at town clock at 6:30.

Thursday—Home Day. All Scouts are supposed to do some good turn at home.

Friday—School Day. Scouts will do at least one good turn at school and invite some boy to join the troop.

Saturday—Civic Day. The Scouts will take over the town from 3 to 4 o'clock, having complete charge of the city hall, water department, fire department, street department and the policing of the town.

JAPS IN SUPREME DRIVE TO RECOUP SOLOMONS LOSS

The Japs have launched a great new attempt to regain control of the entire Solomons area and American sea and air forces have been trading mighty blows with them during the past several days, the navy disclosed tonight.

Both sides have suffered some losses. On the outcome of the battle rests not only the fate of the Southern Solomons—scene of the first major American offensive of the war—but that of vital U. S. communication lines to Australia. If the Japs recaptured the southern Solomons the entire Australian supply line would be exposed to aerial and naval attack.

The navy would not reveal the extent of the losses—"to reveal at this time, details of these engagements, would endanger the success of our future operations in this area," it said.

But, a navy spokesman, commenting on Tokyo claims that two allied battleships had been sunk, together with three cruisers, and that another battleship and cruiser have been damaged, said tersely:

"The Jap claims of U. S. losses are grossly exaggerated and their own losses understated."

Scene of the big surface and air battle was not disclosed by the Navy. A Tokyo report said Monday an engagement was in progress off Rennell island—about 110 miles south of Guadalcanal, principal American stronghold in the southern Solomons.

One thing seemed certain, the Japs have unleashed their mightiest attempt to recapture lost positions since November 13-15, when the American air and naval forces dealt the imperial navy the worst defeat in its history. The effort cost the Japs 28 warships and auxiliaries sunk and 10 more damaged.

HOME ECONOMICS WORKERS NEEDED IN EMERGENCY PERIOD

Miss Elizabeth Bridge, home demonstration agent for Watauga county states that during the emergency program persons trained in home economics are needed to assist with certain activities. It is added that there are many such trained persons in Watauga county. Miss Bridge would like to have the names and addresses of all women and girls who have had two or more years of college training in home economics. Some may be teaching, others may be married and are now homemakers and others may be in other professions, but Miss Bridge asks for a complete register of these persons in each community of the county. She insists that these names and addresses be furnished her by February 10th.